

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

In Memory
of
Marquis Goode Jr.

WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an esteemed civil engineer with the passing of Marquis Gideon Goode Jr. of Dallas on June 18, 2023, at the age of 101; and

WHEREAS, Mark Goode was born in Quinlan on August 12, 1921, and he grew up in Dallas; while a student at Texas A&M University and a member of the Corps of Cadets, he was commissioned in the U.S. Army; following his service in World War II, he returned to Texas A&M to complete his civil engineering degree; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, Mr. Goode began a four-decade career with the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, serving as a civil engineer and ultimately as agency director before his retirement in 1986; he demonstrated visionary leadership throughout his tenure, overseeing major growth in road construction and the development of the Interstate Highway System; moreover, he helped create employment opportunities for women and minorities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goode further contributed to his profession as president of the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and through his active involvement with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Transportation Research Board; in recognition of his many accomplishments, he was inducted into the Texas Transportation Hall of Honor and named a recipient of AASHTO's highest accolade, the MacDonald Memorial Award; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Goode enjoyed the love and support of his wife of 79 years, Lucille McDermott Goode, who preceded him in death in 2021; they were the devoted parents of two children, Scott and Mark, and they welcomed a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren into their family; and

WHEREAS, While the passing of Mark Goode brings great sadness to his loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Marquis Gideon Goode Jr. and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his son, Scott Goode, and his wife, Wanda; to his daughter-in-law, Dianne Goode; to his grandchildren, Mark and Alex Goode, Christopher and Dianne Irwin, Hunter Michael Carl Goode, and Mac, Meg, Kate, and Charles and Allison Goode; to his great-grandchildren, Mark and Micah Drew Goode, and Wesley, Connor, and Shepherd Irwin; to his niece, Linda Goode; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mark Goode.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 31, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate